

# ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1873.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

In New York there was a considerable improvement yesterday in financial affairs as compared with the feeling on Saturday. There were some transactions in stocks on the streets. Gold was weak and lower, chiefly on account of the order of the Treasury to commence the payment of the November interest and cable reports of further large shipments of coin from Liverpeol. The banks in the North have generally agreed to certify checks, when these will auswer for purposes of business, but as a general rule in the South and West the money is forthcoming upon demand. The healthy condition of the Southern banks is a most cheering sign of the times. The bankers rest upon the great staple (cotton). The same feeling prevails in the West. Chicago has not been seriously affected by the panic, and her banks have weathered the storm. No failures are reported in Baltimore.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says : + "Some uneasiness has prevailed to-day in business circles, caused to some extent by the absence of unanimity of action among the banks of the District. A want of confidence in one or two of the banks, whether deserved or not, has been very plainly exhibitcd. An old and leading private banking house, one of those which refuse to make any change in its ordinary manner of transacting business, was completely overrun to-day with persons anxious to make deposits. The head of this house refused over seventy thousand dollars offered by new depositors."

The controlling committee of the associated banks of Washington city organized yesterday. At three o'clock a meeting of the depositors in Washington City (Ruff's) Savings Bank was held, ex-Mayor Richard Wallach was called to the chair, and there was an expression of a general desire that the bank if possible should be permitted to resume. Finally a committee of thirteen, with Mr. Wallach, as chairman was appointed to take the wishes of the meeting into consideration and devise some plan of rendering them effective. The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday at three o'clock p. m., when a report is expected. The committee of thirteen met immediately, and appointed a sub-committee to confer with Receiver Mattingly and Mr. Ruff in reference to the situation. The banks' controlling committee met at four o'clock, and made clearances of the checks certified between the associated banks.

SMALL DEBTS AND SMALL ACCOUNTS .-These are the times when there should be, as far as possible, in all business transactions, mutual forbearance and kindness, and a determination, especially, to pay all small debts and settle small accounts, so as to keep money in circulation, and give relief to those who have to pay their hands and continue to give employment to mechanics and workmen. A few hundred dollars passing from hand to hand does much good to many. A small amount of money affoat circulates among those who most

The Baltimore American of this morning says: "The excitement in Baltimore over the crisis has ceased absolutely, though its effects are still felt. Yesterday was one of deep quiet in business and financial circles. Owing to the prompt payment of all pay-rolls, etc., on Saturday, a better feeling prevails to-day all over the city. The banks, it is understood, have been discounting liberally to-day, and with a continuance of that course to all sound mercantile and manufacturing houses, commerce and "business will resume its regular course. The money market is still stringent, and outside of the bank accommodation it is difficult to obtain call loans or discounts even at very extreme

The banks of Charlottesville and Staunton have, to protect themselves and for the benefit of their customers, determined, in view of the disturbed condition of affairs in New York and other cities, and the difficulty of converting balances into currency, for the present, to dis-· continue the payment of checks in currency, except in limited amounts, and have resolved, that all deposits hereafter made, whether in checks or currency, will be paid in the same medium in which said deposits are made, on

The refusal of the national banks in Philadelphia to pay drafts upon them in currency, having threatened to deprive the postal money order office in that city of the resources upon which it largely depends, of remittances from country offices, the postmaster was yesterday authorized to draw for a limited amount on the department's reserve, deposited in the subtreasury at New York city

A large number of business men of the District of Columbia, without regard to party, paid W their respects to Governor Shepherd last night. In reply to an address congratulating him on his appointment, the Governor said: "We will make the city of Washington and the District of Columbia worthy to be the capital of the greatest republic in the world."

The Washington Chronicle says:-"People are again agitating the question of the resumption of specie payments in this dountry. Mr. Greeley during his life-time was an earnest apphody else resumed.

The Secretary of the Treasury will pay the November interest after to-day, upon the usual d is about \$14,000,000.

NEWS OF THE DAY To show the very age and body of the Times?

The yellow fever continues to rage among the remnant of the inhabitants of Shreveport. The undertakers have so much business on hand that they can no longer perform their work with due solemnity. The slowly moving faneral procession has disappeared from the streets, but hearses go dashing out to the cemeteries. An investigation has disclosed the fact that the disease was brought from Cuba. An appeal for aid is published which will touch the hearts of benevolent people everywhere, and induce a generous response.

The national bank examiner has discovered a defalcation in the Hingham, Mass., National Bank of \$40,000, and has closed that institution. The failure of this bank is in no wise connected with the panic. It is solely from the defalcation of Mr. Lovett, the cashier, who has appropriated more than \$40,000 of the bank's money for speculative purposes. Under ordinary circumstances the bank could get rediscounts and proceed with their business, but at this time that is an impossibility.

Mr. Kellogg, the acting Governor of Louisiana, arrived in Washington yesterday from New York. He was unsuccessful in his efforts to negotiate the State bonds issued by his goveroment. He called on the President for the purpose of giving him his version of affairs in Louisiana. Mr. Casey, the collector of the port of New Orleans, and the fast ally of Kellogg, is also in Washington, and with his family is stopping at the White House.

John Hall, a miller, residing near Trenton, N. J., came into that city yesterday with a wagon and pair of horses. As he was crossing the railroad track near the Fair grounds the wagon was struck by an approaching train, and himself and two horses killed. A woman with him in the wagon escaped unhurt. Hall was

An instance occurred on Sunday, in which the pulpit upheld the banks of Reading, Pa. A dispatch from that city says: "Father Boreman, at St. Paul's church, announced that if his hearers had money in the banks, and doubted its safety, he would guarantee the payment," which was plucky for a priest in these

In the Frederick, Md., Circuit Court, yesterday, after eight days continuance, the jury in the case of Jeanette Woodward vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for \$10,000 damages for the killing of her husband, Chas. Woodward, a freight conductor, September 24, 1869, rendered a verdict for plaintiff, and assessed damages at \$8,000.

The sewing machine interests are greatly exercised over an alleged discovery among the English patents. It is said that a patent has been found dated July 17, 1790, granted by the British Government to Thos. Paint, numbered 1,764, for a sewing machine having all the essential features of the American.

The Dominion Government have forwarded a watch and \$500 to Rev. Mr. Ancient, in acknowledgement of his gallant conduct towards the passengers and crew of the ill-fated steam-

ship Atlantic. While a party of young men were serenading a newly married couple in Brownsville, Maine, on Saturday night, the bridegroom, named Merrill, fired on them, mortally wounding one

named Kendall. In Cuba recently a railway train while wooding between San Jose and Juanita, was attacked by insurgents, and one officer and two passengers injured.

Barnum's rhinosceros died at Philadelphia

The late Dr. Nelaton, of Paris, left property valued at seven millions of francs.

The Galignani says Perc Hyacinthe has aban-

### doned the clerical garb. VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Banking House of Conway, Gordon & Garnett in Fredericksburg having used all eftorts possible and failing to obtain currency, suspended on Saturday morning last.

The remains of the late Com. M. F. Maury, were taken to Richmond Saturday on the Chesapeake and Ohio train and conveyed to Hollywood cemetery for interment.

# Foreign News,

The election for Lord Mayor of London took place yesterday, and resulted in the choice of Andrew Lusk, at present an alderman and a member of Parliament.

One failure is reported from Hamburg. It is expected that additional suspensions will be appounced in London to-morrow morning.

The cases of typhoid fever in London are daily increasing in number, and alarm is felt in some

of the infected quarters.

Large shipments of bullion and coin continue to be made from England.

The Ashantee war it is thought will soon end in the subjugation of the natives.

WASHINGTON NEWS .--- A young man named Chas. L. Simpson, attempted suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. The ball entered just below the left nipple, and it is feared that the wound is a fatal one. The family of the young man reside at Lansburg, Conway county, Arkansas.

grand jury yesterday. The following banks are promptly paying all checks in currency: National Bank of the Republic, Riggs & Co., Middleton & Co., Rank of Washington and Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Georgetown. These banks are

transacting business in the old manner, and are

prepared to meet all demands. Michael Kane charged with the murder of his brother, John Kane, last March, was tried yesterday before Mr. Justice McArthur, holding the criminal court. The evidence showed that in an altercation between the two brothers on the subject of the payment of some rent, John Kane stooped to seize a stick of wood, whereupon Michael leaped upon him and stabbed him so that he died in a few days. Michael escaped, but afterwards returned and gave himself up. The court admitted in evidence the dying declaration of the deceased that up to the rencounter he and his brother had been good friends, and that the blow was struck in a sudden passion. The jury found the accused guilty of manslaughter, and recommended him to the mercy of the court. Sentence was de-

ferred. THE B. & P. R. R. - The B. & P. R. R. Co., s giving acceptable evidence of its determination to equal the demands made upon its en-We'see it stated that its business is steadily increasing, the receipts of tobacco alone by the Pope's Creek line, averaging about one hundred and fifty hogsheads per day, and great quantities of groceries and other goods are daily. sent from Baltimore to supply the wants of the new sections of country opened up by the road.

There is an immense quantity of patronage yet bestowed on water transportation. The schooner of Capt. Elkins, sailing from this Creek for Baltimore is taxed always to her full | pan into the fire. He came here as a represenmiliar sayings was, "The way to resume specie half miles from Cox's Station, great quantities selecting the strongest man. He would most walls and roofs covered with stalactic, shell tobacco depends upon the weather just now. I stalactic, shell tobacco depends upon the weather just now. payments is to resume," and yet neither he nor of merchandize and agricultural produce are heartily vote for Col. Stuart if he was the weekly delivered or taken off by the steamer strongest man. Express. On last Saterday, for instance, we learn that the steamer took from the Point to issue in this canvass. Baltimore nearly sixty hogsheads of tobacco and thirteen hundred bushel of wheat, besides Stuart and Col. Suttle, the resolution was rebate. The amount of interest thus anticipat- an extensive miscellaneous cargo. - Port Tobac- adopted. co Times.

Conservative Ward Meetings. Last night the Conservatives of the different

places and selected delegates to represent them in the County Convention, which assembles on the 11th proximo, to nominate candidates for the last meeting, at which he was not present, or five miles, when we stopped to gaze in wouthe House of Delegates.

FIRST WARD. The meeting was held in the truck house of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company. Ex-Mayor Latham, Chairman of the Ward Committee, called the assemblage to order and nominated Geo. R. Shinn for Chairman and Harold Snowden for Secretary, and a vote being taken, the nominees were duly elected.

The Chairman having stated the object of the meeting, Orlando Wood moved to proceed at once to the election of delegates to the County Convention, and his motion being adopted, G. R. Shinn, W. W. Rock, Orlando Wood, Hugh Latham and James L. Adams were put in nomination, and a ballot being taken, were declared elected.

The Chairman stated that as Major Loving had resigned his position as member of the Board of Aldermen from the Ward, an election to fill the vacancy would be held, but as the meeting then in progress had not been called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the vacant position, and as he understood Col. French, an Alderman from the 2d Ward, had also resigned, he supposed meetings would be held in the two Wards for the especial purpose of nominating candidates for those positions previous to the approaching general election. The meeting then adjourned.

The meeting at the hall of the Sun Engine House was called to order and S. H. Janney chosen chairman and R. M. Latham, secretary. Upon motion of Geo. L. Simpson the meeting proceeded to nominate, whereupon Messrs. Geo. Washington, Geo. H. Robinson, Samuel Lunt. Jas. P. Coleman, Geo. H. Harlow, Geo. L. Simpson Daniel S. Delaplane John Lannon and Samuel H. Janney were named, and upon a ballot being taken the vote resulted: Washngton 19, Coleman 17, Janney 15, Robinson 13, Lunt 10, Simpson 8, Delaplane 7, Harlow and Lannon 5, and it having been decided, on motion of Mr. Simpson, that the candidates receiving the highest number of votes should be declared the choice of the meeting, the chair decided that Messrs. Washington, Coleman, Janney, Robinson and Lunt, were duly elected delegates to the Convention; and their election having been made unanimous, on motion of Mr. Jos. Hopkins, the meeting adjourned sine die.

#### THIRD WARD.

The meeting in this Ward was held at the Court House, and was well attended. F. L. Brockett presided and Geo. A. Mushbach was

T. W. Ashby read from the Gazette the notice of the call, and asked whether the Wards and Townships should not be represented according to their numerical strength.

J. T. Beckham stated that that question had been settled by the County Committee. Capt. J. M. Steuart also said that the County Committee had determined that the Wards and Townships should be represented accord-

ing to their voting strength. Col. Ashby said that he accepted the explanation, but that the question having been postponed at a meeting some time since, he wanted the principle settled, and that if the numerical strength of the Wards was not to be represented in the Convention, he wanted the delegates from this Ward to retire from it.

Resolved. That the delegates elected to represent this ward in the convention to a semble on

Col. Suttle presented the following resolu-

the 11th of October are hereby instructed to insist that each ward and township in that convention shall vote the Conservative strength of the ward or township through their respective dele-

Col. Ashby said that the resolution did not amount, in his opinion, to much, unless the delegates were to be instructed.

The resolution was then adopted. On motion the meeting then proceeded to nominate delegates, when the following were presented: C. F. Suttle, K. Kemper, C. A. Yohe, F. L. Brockett, Samuel Beach, James Waddey, C. E. Stuart, J. T. Beckham, T. Reisheill, Wm. H. Smith, W. F. Henderson, J. M. Steuart, J. C. Hill and T. E. Kemp. Col. Stuart declined on the ground that he

proposed to be a candidate before the Con-Dr. Hill declined as he had friends he de-

sired to support. Capt. J. M. Steuart and T. E. Kemp also declined.

On motion of W. H. Fowle it was decided that the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared the choice of the meeting. The ballot was then taken, resulting as fol-

Beckham 39, Kemper 38, Suttle 34, Risheili 33, Yohe 29, Waddey 24, Smith 21, Brockett 20, Beach 20, Henderson 11, and according to the resolution adopted, the Chair decided that Messrs. Beckham, Kemper, Suttle, Risheill and Yohe were duly elected delegates to the County Convention.

Col. Stuart said that he was exceedingly desirous of representing this people in the Legislature. He knew that the voters of the Third Ward desired his nomination. His large experience would enable him to do something for the town, which was now going fast to the devil. He would support the State ticket, but he pledged himself to resist the election of any A true bill against Lewis G. Close for the one to the Legislature to represent any interest, murder of John A Gray, was found by the and introduced the following resolution, adopted by the Democracy of Oregon:

Resolved, That all corporations are subject to legislative control; those created by Congress should be restricted and controlled by Congress, and those under State laws be subject to the controi of the States creating them; and all corpora-tions should be so controlled as to prevent them from becoming engines of oppression; and also the property of all corporations should be assessed and taxed at the same rate as the property of individuals.

He said that foreign corporations had more ights and privileges than the people of Alexandria, and he would support no man for the Legislature who would not use his influence to put down the railroads, whether it be Mahone or Scott. He wanted to know why it was that the large county of Fauquier paid less taxes than the city of Alexandria. Retrocession, he thought, would be an issue in this canvass. He had not put himself in the position of a candidate without due consideration. It was the tramp over a deep sand covered avenue, down duty of the delegates to consult the wishes of a hill and steep rocky steps, through a little the people of the Third Ward. If his election more sand, we reached "Echo River" and had depended upon the expenditure of one dollar he would scorn the position, as he believed delightful, and rested us very much. Begin-there was honor left in Virginia yet. He was ning the ascent, we came to "Martha's Vinenot patronized by the Bankers and bondholders. who were always arrryed against him. He would support any competent man, and the man was dishonest, who refused to support the nominee.

Col. Sattle did not think the resolution was fitted to this latitude. There was no railroad law in Oregon, and every railroad was taxed ad valorem. The taxes here were no more in proportion than in Fauquier. The State tax was as low as in any other State, but the Corporation taxes were heavy; gentlemen who wanted to go from here to Washington to escape taxation were jumping out of the frying

. Col. Stuart said he did not want to make any After a conversational debate between Col.

Col. Ashby then asked the indulgence of the body of rocks almost impossible to scramble Washington shortly.

meeting to make a few remarks. He wanted over and came to a great hall filled with beauthe party for whom they were intended to unwards assembled at their respective meeting derstand them. He had read the criticisms upon the Conservative meetings in Washing- ed our journeying in that direction. In retracton papers, and he found the first one a lie ing our steps we took the short route, which from beginning to end, but in the report of occupied another day, and travelled some four he was put down as a Rip Van Winkle, taking | der at the various halls, the shading of the a back seat. He never took a back seat when walls of which is so exquisite that art, I am any work was to be done. The low cur. if he sure, would be baffled in attempting its reprowas present, and would say so, he would kick duction. Then we came to "Govan's dome," out of the house. He considered it a com- at which we looked through a kind of a doorpliment to be called Rip Van Winkle, for Rip Van Winkle would live when the miserable skunk and his posterity would have expired and it fills you with such wonder that you find and gone to the devil.

The meeting then adjourned. FOURTH WARD.

The Fourth Ward meeting was held in the hall of the Friendship Engine House, Col. L. B. Taylor in the chair, and J. J. Jamieson, Secretary.

The following were put in nomination for delegates to the County Convention :- R. H. Rudd, E. S. Leadbeater, J. W. Nalls, J. B. Javins, and J. J. Jamieson.

W. G. Cazenove would offer a resolution to the effect that the delegates be instructed to vote for S. C. Neale and Capt. Jas. M. Steuart, but would like to hear from those who had been named their views in reference to the

R. H. Rudd said that if his honesty could not be trusted in such a matter he would decline, and under no circumstances would he be a delegate if tied down to the support of any particular man or men. Mr. Cazenove said it was not a question of

honesty, but as to whether the delegates from the Ward would carry out the wishes of the voters of the Ward. His own preferences were for Capt. Steuart and Mr. Neale. He liked Col. Stuart as a gentleman, but preferred Captain Steuart for a delegate.

Mr. Rudd had no objection to either Capt.

bility, vote for them in Convention, but he did not want to be trammeled, and desired to act for himself. Mr. Cazenove said that as a representative of the Ward, he should be instructed.

Steuart or Mr. Neale, and would, in all proba-

Mr. Rudd said he would not go under such circumstances. Mr. Cazenove said that the voters of the

Ward should be represented, and their will obeyed, and that if Mr. Rudd was unwilling to do so he ought not to be elected. Mr. Cazenove then offered the following res-

lution: Resolved, That Capt. J. M. Steuart and S. C. Neale, are the first choice of this Ward for delegates to the Legislature of Virginia.

Mr. C. said that he did not propose to press the resolution, but that he desired a vote, and

if defeated there was an end of it. J. W. Nalls expressed his disapprobation of instructions, as the ward had never before so J. D. Javins was also opposed to the reso-

lution, but had no objection to Messrs. Neale and Steuart. J. M. Johnson favored the resolution, and explained its object as only expressing the first

choice of the voters of the Ward. Mr. Rudd asked if Capt. Steuart was nomi-

nated would he accept. Mr. Johnson said he knew Capt. S. would. The vote upon the resolution was then taken and resulted, 11 for and 8 against, and the Chair accordingly decided that it was carried. A number of other persons were then named for delegates, but flually, by a viva voce vote, he following were elected: E. S. Leadbeater, J. W. Nalls, J. D. Javins, J. J. Jamieson and

J. M. Johnson. The meeting then adjourned.

# The Mammoth Cave.

We have been favored with the following extract from a letter from a friend visting Ken-

tucky: ELIZABETHIOWN, Ky., Sept. 23. - Last week we went to the Mammoth Cave. No one can form an idea of its grandeur without seeing it. I cannot do it even partial justice, yet it you will take the trouble to read my imperfect jotting. I will try to tell you something of what I saw: The lorg route is about 9 miles. We entered about 9 o'clock a. m., dined in the cave, and got out between 7 and 8 p. m. The entrance is a beautiful grotto with overhanging rocks covered with moss and trailing vines most artistically arranged, a lovely little waterfall clear as crystal tumbling down from a height of 25 or 30 feet. We descended by rocky steps, and for a mile or more the wall is rugged, in some places not over 9 or 10 feet high, at others exceedingly lofty. Here we found the old vats and wooden pipes used in 1812 for making saltpetre, which was extracted from the earth of the cave. This wood is perfectly sound, and there are yet to be seen the wheel tracks and prints of oxen feet made when hauling the earth and saltpetre. Next we came to the church, a spacious room with a large projecting rock on one side, used as a pulpit when the Methodists held service there. We passed long halls with rocky walls and finely arched roofs, ad of which are so exquisitely tinted that man's most perfect masterpiece in frescoing would, in comparison, sink into a mere daub. Then, there is the rotunda, so high in the centre that I do not think you could see the top. Another hall, looking like it had been plastered, is thickly studded with little black excrescences, having the appearance of flies. The Scotchman's trap and fat man's misery, a place some 60 feet or more long, where one has to go half bent and turn sideways to pass through the crevice in the rocks. Next we went through large halls and long passages, all varying in their curious pits, high domes and wonderful stalactite formations, up the "steeps of time," enormous rocks massed into great hills, which we climbed. Then through Cillamon's Alley. 1½ miles, rugged but pretty; down hills and places so perpendicular they have been compelled to have wooden steps down, down into the bowels of the earth, which the guide calls the "infernal regions;" there we find the "Dead Sea," a great lake of water surrounded by high walls of rock, over which we looked into its black depths. Passing through long avenues we arrived at the river, and at the first crossing we walked over on a boat or floating bridge. A little further on is the "River Lethe," (a good drink of whose water is said to render one oblivious to the cares of life. As I did not test its efficacy, I can only repeat what was told me:) this we crossed in a boat in four or five minutes. On, a short distance, we crossed this

After a good rest we wandered on through long

selves from such objects of entrancing interest

we climbed the "Rocky Mountains," a dense

"FLOATING RUMORS." - Que, of the worst features of a panic is the crop of rumors to which it gives rise. It is an enemy's opportua bank? What so easy as to whisper doubts of its solveney; it suggest that it a depositor.

The best SALT WAR desires to secure himself against loss he had better withdraw his money; to hint the possi-bility of a run, or by strug or innuends convey a malicious meaning when selfish caution closes the lips that would utter the slander if they or another river on a floating bridge. After a dared? But it is not banking institutions alone that were thus struck at by indirection. Mercants and tradesmen high in the confidence of the community had thair reputations and standa flat boat ride for a 1 or 3 of a mile, which was ing covertly assailed. Out of the simplest material, slander wove its false and cruel story, and credulous busy-bodies gave it currency, yard," where the walls and roofing are hung until, as it passed along, what was vague and with great knobby bunches, resembling huge shadowy-"mere surmise, you know," clusters of grapes, which are constantly form-'perhaps there is nothing in it, you know' ing from the moisture. Then the "Snowball acquired substance and consistency. There was quite a number of these rumors floating Chamber," in which the excrescence pendant from the dark arched roof bears close resembabout toward the close of last' week, many of lance to real snowballs, hence the name. Next is "Washington Hall," with large rocks about which, in the process of circulation, grew teplete with detail and circumstance, until they became as plausible as they were false. - Ball! the floor on which we sat while our dinner was being spread upon an immense flat surfaced rock near the centre, and a most welcome sight THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO CROP. -The weathit proved, though I assure you we did not confine ourselves to optic enjoyment entirely.

er for a week has been highly favorable to the ripening tobacco crop, and has no doubt stimulated its progess to maturity. A great deal of work and flowers so perfect in their loveliness | The crop is behind hand, and an early frost as to beggar description. I have never seen would sadly curtail it. With such weather as carving in marbie half so attractive. From we have, and freedom from frost for a couple these we entered the "Diamond grotto," which of weeks, the whole crop will be saved. - Rich. is brilliant beyond conception. Tearing our- Dispatch.

Ex-President Johnson is expected to be in

It is officially announced that the President's office will be open for the transaction of business daily (Sunday excepted) from 10 a, m, until 2 p. m., and the President will receive by card from 12 o'clock m. until 2 o'clock p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays The Southern express train bound east on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad on Sunday norning ran into a train of freight cars standing on the main track near Bolivar Station,

tifully tinted stalactites, and the "Butomless

Pit," which, as you may readily suppose, end-

way in the wall of rocks, and it is so high and

deep that you can see neither top por bottom,

yourself bewildered, and yet curious to know

what nature has yet in reserve with which to

fa-cinate the eye. Its rocky sides look as if

they had been chiselled in folds and hang like

great festooned curtains. Next is the "Star

Chamber," perfectly grand, 40 feet wide, 70

feet high, and as long as the eye can reach.

Here we sat down while the guide carried the

lights through a passage way, and looking up,

we saw first the great shelving stone wall in its

varied colors, and away far, far above the heav-

ens as brilliant as you ever saw them on a clear

starlight night. Then the guide called, "Look

out at the storm rising," and a cloud as black

as midnight seemed to roll over the sky until

the darkness became so intense I thought I

could almost feel it. A few minutes elapsed

day dawn and grow brighter and brighter until

the sun appeared, when in came the old guide

and dispelled the illusion. On we went through

where are immense stalactites reaching from

the roof to the floor. A number of these group-

ed together in the centre of the hall form what

is called the "Arm Chair," in which most visi-

tors seat themselves A wedding is said to

have taken place here once in consequence, as

the story goes, of the lady's having promised

never to marry her lover while on the earth,

so they went down into it, and there the knot

was tied. I could write you more, but fear to

weary you. My descriptive powers are so poor

this fragmentary attempt. We will talk it over when I come home. Yours, &c., Bess.

Appeal from Shreveport, La.

The Shreveport Times contains the following

appeal, which the Howard Association ear-

To Our Fellow Citizens-Yeliow fever, an

epidemic that has already swept away more

than four hundred of the community, is still

raging with unabated fury in our midst. We

have now at least 700 sick, of all ages, color,

sex and nationalities, all of whom, from the

peculiar character of the disease, require con-

stant and skilful nursing. In addition to this

there are hundreds of people; left without a cent

Amongst these are many women and little

children, all of whom must for the presant, be

provided for and fed by the Howard Association

for there is no work to do, and no money to be

had. The destitution in our midst is as heart-

rending as the disease itself, and there is a

fearful number of deaths. The drain upon the

funds of the Association has thus far been enor

mous, and the liberal aid sent by sister cities is

Under these circumstances we are forced to

make this general appeal to the country for additional aid. We have people amongst us

suffering, in want and dying, from all sections

of the Union and from all nations, and we fee

hat the great public heart will respond to this

appeal, extorted by the most dire necessity.

Our own resources are nearly exhausted. The

wealthy are broken down; the poor are threat-

ened with actual starvation, and the sick and

dying about to be deprived of the commonest comforts humanity can offer them. We appeal

not only to our feilow-countrymen, but to our

(Signed) L. E. Simmons, President Howard

Association: D. B. Martin, Vice President

Howard Association; D. P. Fenner, M. D.;

HINTS TO WORKINGMEM. - Mayor Have

"From the imprudent management of their

affairs some prominent bankers bave been com-

pelled, it is hoped temporarily, to suspend the

payment of their maturing obligations; and from

the distrust thereby created many int-lingent but weak persons having deposits in our monetary

institutions, or loans to brokers, have taken the

alarm, and without reference to the character or

these institutions or that of their directors, have

demanded the immediate payment of suchide

posits and such loans, a matter in the very na-

ture of things impossible, and which ought to be

patent to every one who has the least pretension

to a knowledge of his own business or its rela-

tions to the business of the community. Now

the danger is that under the panic this distruct

has created, the depositors in our savings banks,

following such a cowardty example, may become

alarmed as to the satety of their own hard carn-

ings, and resort to a general run upon them.

better themselves by withdrawing their money

"Certainly I think so. They never provide in advance a safe way to dispose of their money. When the money is in the possession of the de-positor he will realize the folly of his fears. For

just as certainly as he receives it and undertakes

to find a place for it, he will find, after slee ing

on the money and dresming of thieves and bur-

glars for a night or two, that the sales; place to

put it is in the bank from which it was with-drawn, and that he has paid the penalty of his

simplicity by forfeiting the interest which had

accrued and had not become payable, and has

"Do you think that the officers of the savings

"Certainly I do. For in so doing: the bank-

protect themselves, and prevent those depositi-

tors who are actuated by a whim and not by want in demanding their money from sacrificing their own property."—[New York Tribune.

banks deal justly by their depositors in availing

themselves of their right to demand 30 days' no

tice of all intention to draw money?"

been forced to commence the account anew."

meyer, in a conversation on Wednesday, on the

and without employment.

nearly exhausted.

fellow men for aid.

monetary crisis, said:

from the banks?"

nestly requests the press of the country to pub-

I feel I have done my subject injustice even in

a long passage to a "Gothic avenue and hall"

One passenger was killed and several others It is said that Senator Morton is much "ev. ercised" in favor of calling an extra session of Congress. He appears to be exercised about a great many things just about this "financial crisis.

#### COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Sept. 30,-There is a much better feeling in the Wheat marke, to-day for the higher grades, and prime and choice samples may be quoted 3a5c better, but medium and low grades are hard to move; offerings today were light, with sales at 160 for choice white. and 145, 150, 155, 160 and 162 for good to choice red. Small offerings of mixed Corn, with sales when, looking to our left, we seemed to see at 66 and 67-an advance. Oats brought 40, 42

> PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, SEPTEMB'R. 30 SUN SETS.. ..... 5.44 |

Steamer Palisade, Currioman, to Jos Broders

Steamer George H Stout, Philadelphia, to F A Reed. Schr Margie, Windsor, N. S., to Hooe & Johnston. She reports passing the bark Die Tungen, from Liverpool with a cargo of salt for this port, in Nanjemoy Reach.

SAILED. Steamer Pilot Boy, Currioman, by F A Reed. MEMORANDA.

Sahr Maria Pierson, hence, at New York 28th. Schr W H Kenzel, hence, at New York 28th. Schr A L Kindberg, hence for New Haven, at New York 28th.

Schr Charlie Morton, hence for Port mouth sailed from Vineyard Haven 26th.

### CANAL COMMERCE. 00 de - 1111115

ARRIVALS.

both mining

Boats W M Price and R Emmitt, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co; Monongahela, to Blaen Avon Coal Co; C Waltz, to Sinclair & Agnow; Johnny, to New Central Coal Co; F M Bowers and A Sherman, to George's Creek Coal Co; B Williamson, James Dayton, A B Brower, J W Morris, W W Shepherd, A S Winteringham, H Kenney, Goldtinch and M Lienan, to American Coal Co. DEPARTURES.

Boats J R Anderson, T Paton, A J Mills, J L Reid, Johnny, M McNally, E T Young, Kste. T H West, Shipley & Boush, F R Bowers, A J Clark, Knights of Pythias, G P DeWitt, T E Sheridan, D A Carl. Jerry Dick, D Stewart, U C Hamilton and M Fannon, for Cumberland.

To gather pearl's from ocean's vases Divers go down in divers places; But at our mouths of streams and bays, No pearls do Asian swimmers raise Like those in beauty's mouth that shine, Made by the SOZODONT divine. sep 29

1873 FALL & WINTER TRADE. 1873 Now ready, at the most extensive establish-

ment of the kind in the State, the largest and most complete assortment of FALL and WIN-TER GOODS ever brought to this market. H. STRAUSS,

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consisting in part of Diagonals, Trecoes, Cheviots, Beavers, English and French Cassimeres, &c , which for neatness of pattern, style and chespness we defy competion. Aloga millime of

GENTS: FURNISHING GOODS, Tranks, Vallers, &c., - uch as are usually found in a flast cines house. Call and examine. L SCHWARTZ & CO., 89 King street.

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At his Oyster Hou e, opposite the Gazette office, is prepared to furnish OYSTERS to all who may desire them. All orders from the country

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Market House

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